

APPENDIX E

Vision and Management Goals

Vision

The BLM will manage the Monument in a manner that maintains and protects its biological, geological, visual and historic objects and preserves its remote and scenic character. The management plan will incorporate the Proclamation, multiple use, and existing laws, while recognizing valid existing rights and authorizations and providing diverse recreational opportunities.

Management Goals

A number of goals will guide the development of alternatives for the resource management plan. These goals are the result of information provided through public scoping, existing laws and regulations, the Proclamation, and the planning team.

Goal 1: Manage visitor use and services on these BLM lands in a manner that protects Monument values and resources. This goal would allow the BLM to:

Preserve historic and cultural values and sites by enhancing public awareness or protection of the resources;

Protect and preserve the wild and scenic character of the river and preserve or enhance the primitive characteristics of the wilderness study areas;

Protect the cultural landscape (viewshed) and the visual features in the landscape that are identified in the Proclamation;

Protect significant paleontological resources;

Inform visitors of the differences between private property and BLM land;

Control wildland fire safely, efficiently and with minimal impact to resource values; and

Provide for visitor health and safety at levels appropriate to the risks normally expected when engaged in recreational activities in the Monument.

Goal 2: Manage these BLM lands in a multiple use manner consistent with the Proclamation and all current law and policy.

Goal 3: Manage legal and physical access to and within the Monument to provide opportunities for diverse activities. This goal would allow the BLM to:

Provide access to state and federal land while protecting the features of the Monument;

Provide access for diverse recreation opportunities;

Allow access for emergency services (firefighting, search and rescue, etc.);

Provide reasonable access for private landowners; and

Allow access for administrative needs and authorized uses of industry and government agencies.

Goal 4: Manage these BLM lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. This goal would allow the BLM to:

Provide for dispersed and developed recreation opportunities and ensure visual quality characteristics reflect a predominantly primitive or natural landscape; and

Provide for a diversity of visitor experiences.

Goal 5: Manage these BLM lands in a manner that provides a healthy ecosystem supporting plant and animal species and achieves a sustainable variation of native vegetation communities. This goal would allow the BLM to:

Manage, enhance and protect the fish and wildlife habitat and special status species;

Achieve, or make significant progress toward, proper functioning condition in riparian areas;

Manage for healthy vegetation communities that provide for a wide variety of long-term benefits such as aesthetics, wildlife, recreation, livestock grazing, etc;

Maintain or re-establish the natural influence of fire on vegetation communities;

Control, contain and, if possible, eradicate invasive plants;

Maintain and/or improve the existing hydrologic systems in the Monument; and

Maintain the air quality in the Monument.

Goal 6: Manage these BLM lands in a manner that provides current and future generations with the social and economic benefits compatible with the Proclamation. This goal would allow the BLM to:

Provide a diverse array of stable economic opportunities in an environmentally sound manner, including the exploration and development of existing oil and gas leases;

Provide quality opportunities to meet the demands of various publics for all resources, and a diverse array of activities that result in social benefits while minimizing negative social effects; and

Minimize the risk of catastrophic fire within the Monument and communities adjacent to the Monument.

Goal 7: Manage these BLM lands in a manner that involves the public and collaborating agencies (local, state, federal and tribal) at every opportunity. This goal would allow the BLM to:

Continue recognizing distinct local values (local communities, users, and private landowners) while continuing to recognize national interests.